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DURHAM, N.H. -- On Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch and Iowa Gov. Chet Culver are scheduled to meet in Washington, D.C., to discuss Culver's concerns about New Hampshire setting its first-in-the-nation primary ahead of Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucus.

Andrew Smith, associate research professor of political science and director of the Survey Center at the University of New Hampshire, is available to provide perspective and analysis of the meeting and situation. He is a nationally recognized expert in presidential elections, primary politics and political polls.

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Smith can discuss a number of factors, including:

- What Lynch actually can promise to Culver, given that New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner sets the date for the New Hampshire Presidential Primary.
- What Gardner might do, given his commitment to protect the New Hampshire Presidential Primary and his concerns about the DNC placing Nevada's caucus ahead of New Hampshire's First-in-the-Nation Primary.
- The fallout from the calendar front-loading this year and whether the intensity of the jockeying of states helps or hurts New Hampshire, now and in future primary seasons.